



Nebraska Client Assistance Program

Hotline for Disability Services

Contact the Nebraska Hotline for Disabilities

The Hotline for Disability Services

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COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Description:

ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED. PROMOTE INDEPENDENCE AND FULL PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY. THE SERVICES OF THIS AGENCY INCLUDES: TRAINING IN THE SKILLS BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE USE AS THEY PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD COMPETENTLY AND INDEPENDENTLY. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE SUCH AS TUITION, BOOKS, EQUIPMENT AND READERS. TRANSITION SERVICES. VOCATIONAL COUNSELING, ASSISTANCE IN SECURING EMPLOYMENT AND FOLLOW-UP SERVICES. OCCUPATIONAL EQUIPMENT, TOOLS AND SUPPLIES. ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING A SMALL BUSINESS. ADVOCACY SERVICES. COUNSELING WITH INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILY MEMBERS ABOUT BLINDNESS AND THE ABILITIES OF BLIND PERSONS. CONSULTATION SERVICES OFFERED TO AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHICH COME INTO CONTACT WITH BLIND PERSONS.

Eligibility:

PERSONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES IF THEY HAVE A VISUAL CONDITION WHICH MAY LEAD TO BLINDNESS OR IF THEIR SIGHT IS SO DEFECTIVE THAT IT SERIOUSLY LIMITS THEIR ABILITY TO ENGAGE IN THE ORDINARY VOCATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF LIFE. TYPICALLY, THIS MEANS PERSONS WHO EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES IN VISUALLY PURSUING DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES AND OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT.

List of Provided Services:

Advocacy and Support: Protection and Advocacy

Assessment Services: Independent Living Assessment, Vocational Assessment

Assistive Devices: Financial for Devices, Visual Assistive Devices

Assistive Technology Services: Financial for AT Services

Case Management: Case Management

Counseling and Guidance: Family/Individual, Peer/Disability Counseling, Vocational Counseling and Guidance

Education: Educational Support, Financial Education

Employment: Job Placement, Self-employment

Information and Referral: Information and Referral

Supported Employment: Intensive Job Skill

Training: Independent Living Training, Vocational Training

Transition: Transition Services

Contact Information:

Address:

200 SOUTH SILBER

North Platte NE 69101-4298

Hours of Operation: 8:00 TO 12:00 & 1:00 TO 5:00 MON-FRIDAY

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General Information

Agency ID: 123

Counties Served:

Brown, Chase, Cherry, Dawson, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, Red Willow, Thomas

Ages Served: All Ages

Disabilities Served:

Visual Disability

Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

Fees: NONE

Sliding Fee Schedule: Yes

Interpreters on Staff:

Spanish

How to Appeal a Decision:

SUPERVISOR CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 800-742-7594